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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT CONFIRMS OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED TAX
ON FATS AND OILS

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1.ON DECEMBER 14, THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (EP)CONFIRMED
ITS OPPOSITION TO THE TAX ON FATS AND OILS PROPOSED BY THE
COMMISSION.THE PARLIAMENT APPROVED AN AMENDMENT REJECTING
THE PROPOSED TAX BY A VOTE OF 41 TO 34 (WITH 2 ABSTENTIONS).
IN THE DEBATE,PARTICULAR CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED ABOUT THE
EFFECT THE TAX MIGHT HAVEON PALM OIL IMPORTS.THE PARLIAMENT
HAD PREVIOUSLY REJECTED THE PROPOSED FATS AND OILS TAX ON
OCTOBER 14 (REF.B)WHEN CONSIDERING THE BROAD OUTLINES OF
THE COMMISSION'S DAIRY PACKAGE.

2.AS REPORTED IN REF.A,THE EP COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE HAD
REVERSED ITS EARLIER POSITION ON THE PROPOSED TAX AND HAD
INCLUDED A STATEMENT FAVORING INTRODUCTION OF THE TAX IN TIS
REPORT ON THE COMMISSION'S DAIRY REFORM PACKAGE.IN BRINGING
THIS REPORT BEFORE THE PARLIAMENT,THE RAPPORTEUR NOTED THE
SHARP DIVISIONOF OPINION RE THE FATS AND OILS TAX.THE
PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON THE REPORT LASTED 5 1/2 HOURS.WITH
THE EXCEPTION OF THE FATS AND OILS TAX,THE REPORT (AND,IN
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ESSENCE THE COMMISSON'S DAIRY REFORM PACKAGE)WERE WITH

MINOR RESERVATIONS APPROVED BY THE PARLIAMENT.THUS,THE
PARLIAMENT HAS NOW SPECIFICALLY APPROVED THE PROPOSED 2.5
PERCENT CORESSPONSIBILITY TAX.
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